THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) and (b) Inter-ministerial consultations are on at present in respect of the recommendations of the Task Force on application of bio-technology in agriculture.

Technology Mission

1047. SHRI RISHANG KEISHING: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount of fund for Technology Mission already earmarked;

(b) the States where Technology Mission is operational;

(c) the allocation of fund under it, state-wise; and

(d) the Technology Mission being a very important and necessary scheme for the backward North-East States whether Government plan for intensive and extensive implementation of the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI KANTI LAL BHURIA): (a) During IX plan, an amount of Rs. 229.38 crores has been earmarked for implementation of Centrally Sponsored Scheme on "Technology Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture in North Eastern States including Sikkim. Subsequently, during the X plan (2003-04), the scheme was extended to other three contiguous hilly States namely Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh and Uttaranchal with a total allocation of Rs. 845 crores, of which Rs. 585 crores for North-Eastern States including Sikkim and Rs. 100 crores for Jammu & Kashmir, Rs. 80 crores for Himachal Pradesh and Rs. 80 crores for Uttaranchal.

(b) Presently, the "Technology Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture in North Eastern States Sikkim, Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh and Uttaranchal" is being operational in following 11 States:

1. Arunachal Pradesh
2. Assam
3. Manipur
4. Meghalaya
5. Mizoram
6. Nagaland
7. Sikkim
8. Tripura
9. Jammu & Kashmir
10. Himachal Pradesh
11. Uttaranchal

(c) The details of the State wise/Year wise/Mini Mission wise release of funds since inception of Mission (2001-02) including allocation and release of funds during the current year (2004-05) is given in the Statement (See below).

(d) Recognizing the potential for development of Horticulture in North Eastern States, Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India is implementing this scheme more intensively in a Mission Mode approach addressing all the issues related to development of technologies, production and supply of seed and planting material, productivity improvement, post harvest handling, marketing and processing of Horticultural produce in the entire region.

Statement

The details of the State wise/Year wise/Mini Mission wise release of funds since inception of the Mission (2001-02) including allocation and release of funds for the current year (2004-05)

(Rs. in lakhs)

	2001-02 (Release)	2002-03 (Release)	2003-04 (Release)	(Allocation)	2004-05 (Release)
A. Mini Mission-I					
1. NE States including Sikkim	250.00	175.00	100.00	700.00	—
2. Jammu & Kashmir	—	—	100.00	100 00	35.00
3. Himachal Pradesh	—	—	100.00	100.00	35.00
4. Uttaranchal	—	—	100.00	100.00	35.00
B. Mini Mission -II					
1. Arunachal Pradesh	728.85	1099.00	1220.00	1500.00	525.00
2. Assam	611.12	1092.15	1400.00	1425.00	525.00
3. Manipur	487.03	685.00	638.00	1100.00	385.00
4. Meghalaya	625.71	775.60	850.00	1211.00	455.00
5. Mizoram	508.95	1099.73	1089.00	1632.20	455.00
6. Nagaland	551.70	979.00	1256.00	1875.00	667.10

	2001-02 (Release)	2002-03 (Release)	2003-04 (Release)	(Allocation)	2004-05 (Release)
7. Sikkim	616.77	855.00	1000.00	1150.00	402.50
8. Tripura	512.40	785.00	900.00	1012.80	402.50
9. Jammu & Kashmir	—	—	650.00	1450.00	507.50
10. Himachal Pradesh	—	—	650.00	1300.00	455.00
11. Uttaranchal	—	—	564.72	1300.00	455.00
12. Technical Support/SFAC Service charges & other Project based proposals	102.43	129.52	101.28	194.00	34.58
C. Mini Mission - III					
1. NE states including Sikkim	1380.96	1350.00	700.00	2750.00	980.49
2. J & K, HP & Uttaranchal	—	—	—	550.00	192.00
D. Mini Mission - IV					
1. NE States including Sikkim	350.00	75.00	*	*	*
2. J & K, HP & Uttaranchal	—	—	100.00	550.00	120.00
Total (A+B+C+D)					
1. NE States including Sikkim	6724.96	9100.00	9239.00	14450.00	4816.67
2. J&K, HP & Uttaranchal	—	—	2600.00	5550.00	1850.00
GRAND TOTAL	6724.96	9100.00	11839.00	20000.00	6666.67

*Ministry of Food Processing Industries would implement its schemes, from 10% allocation of its outlay, for mission programmes. The additional requirements if any, would be provided by the Mission.

Reimbursement of excise duty on HSD

1048. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have mooted a scheme whereby the Central excise duty on HSD used by the fishermen to operate their mechanised fishing boats is reimbursed;